Give us this bread always

JOHN 6:34

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI

August 4, 2024 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

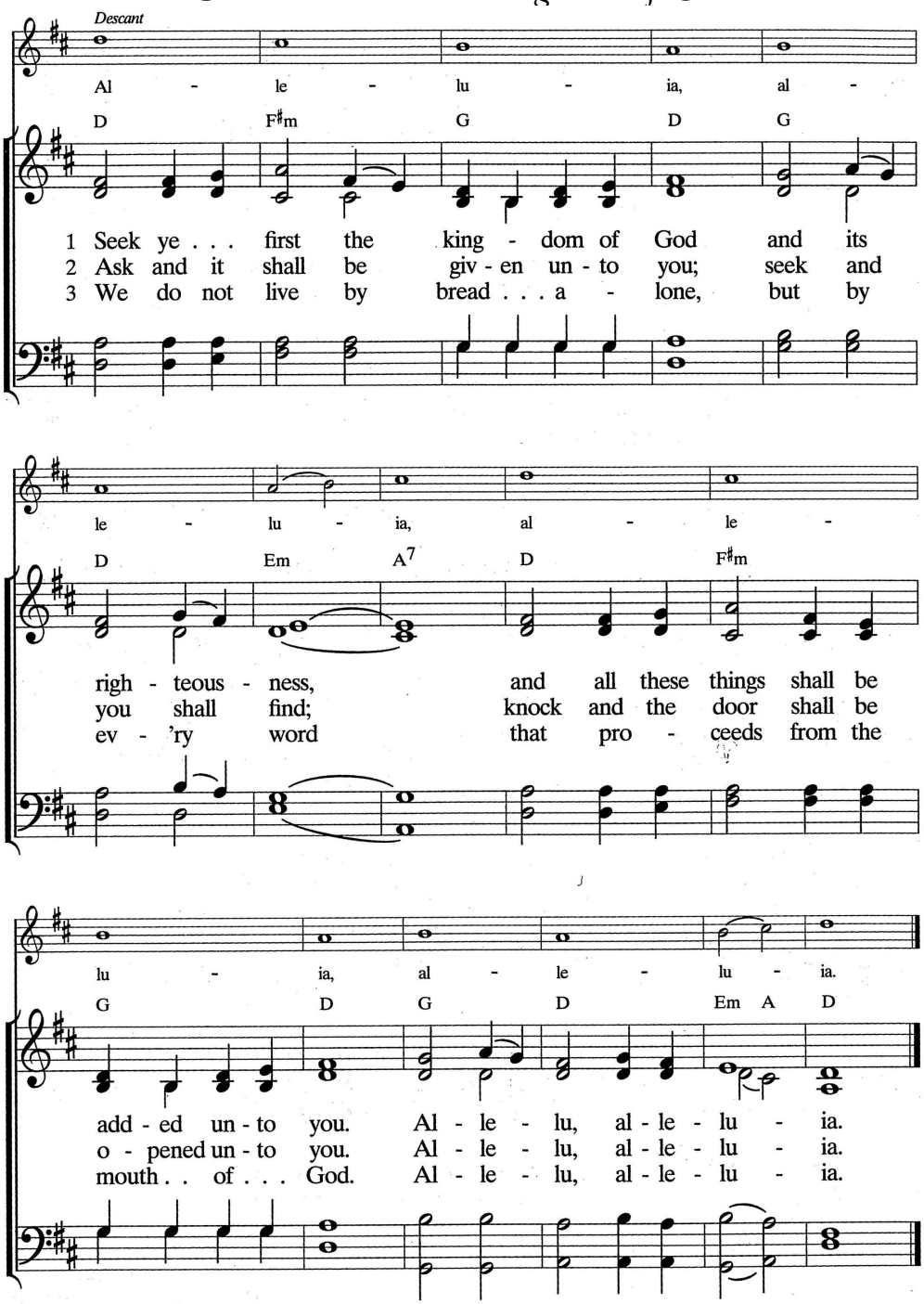
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,
C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG WOV 783

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"



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Music: Karen Lafferty, b. 1948

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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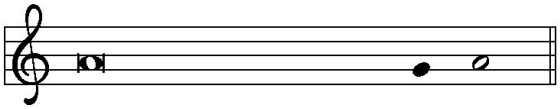

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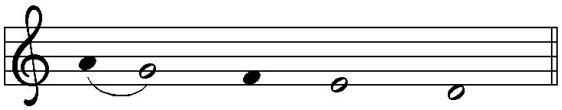

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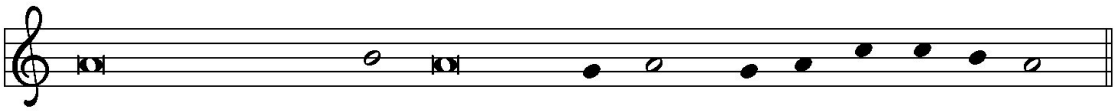

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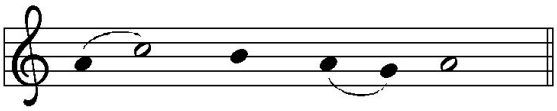

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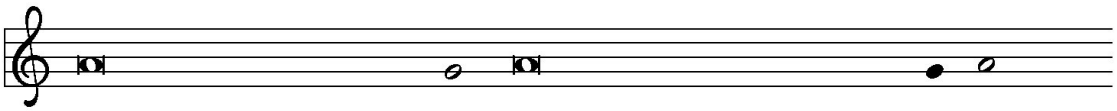
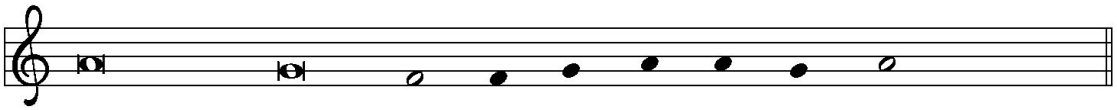
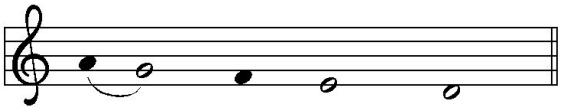


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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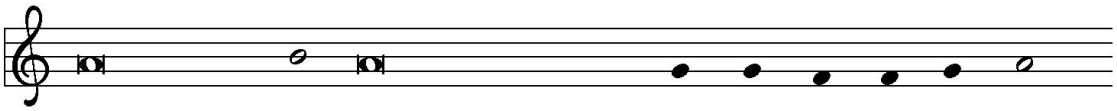
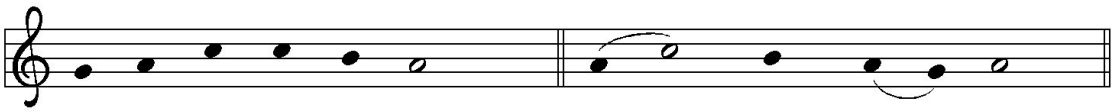
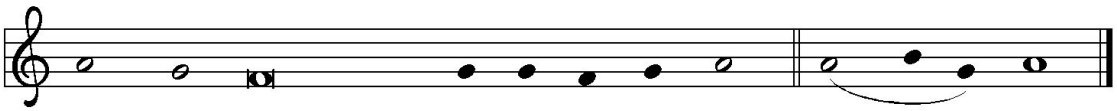


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

A: A reading from Exodus.

2 The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in
the wilderness. 3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of
the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of
bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly
with hunger."
4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you,
and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I
will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."
9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites,
'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.' " 10 And as Aaron
spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the
wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. 11 The LORD spoke to
Moses and said, 12 "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At
twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread;
then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.' "
13 In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there
was a layer of dew around the camp. 14 When the layer of dew lifted, there on the
surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the
ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For

they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 78:23-29

God rained down manna from heaven; so mortals ate the bread of angels. (Ps. 78:24, 25)

P: [23]So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
C: [24]raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.
P: [25]So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.
C: [26]The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,
P: [27]raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
C: [28]letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.
P: [29]So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

A: A reading from Ephesians.

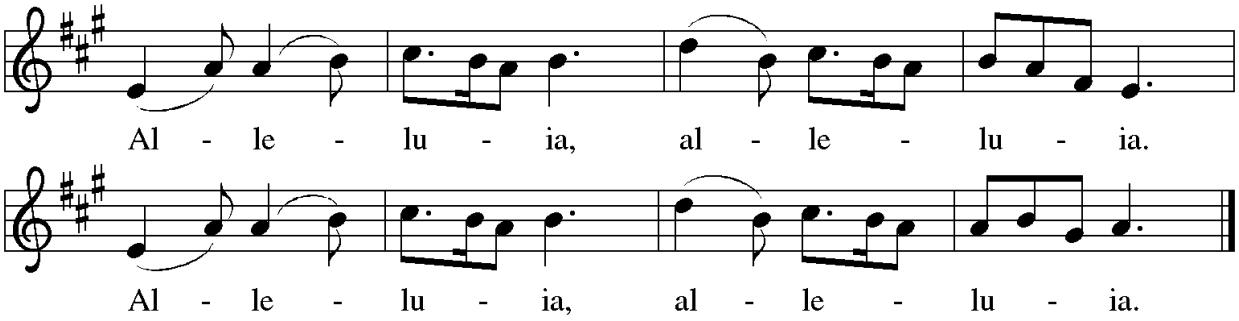
[1]I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2]with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3]making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. [4]There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, [5]one Lord, one faith, one baptism, [6]one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

[7]But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's
gift. [8]Therefore it is said,
"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."
[9](When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended
into the lower parts of the earth? [10]He who descended is the same one who
ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) [11]The gifts he
gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some
pastors and teachers, [12]to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up
the body of Christ, [13]until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the
knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of
Christ. [14]We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by
every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful
scheming. [15]But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him
who is the head, into Christ, [16]from whom the whole body, joined and knit
together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working
properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

P: The holy gospel according to John.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

24When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the
sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.
25When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi,
when did you come here?" 26Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are
looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the
loaves. 27Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for
eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the
Father has set his seal." 28Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the
works of God?" 29Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe
in him whom he has sent." 30So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give
us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you
performing? 31Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He
gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell
you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who
gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes
down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34They said to him, "Sir, give us this
bread always."
35Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be
hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME — Rev. Joshua Rinas

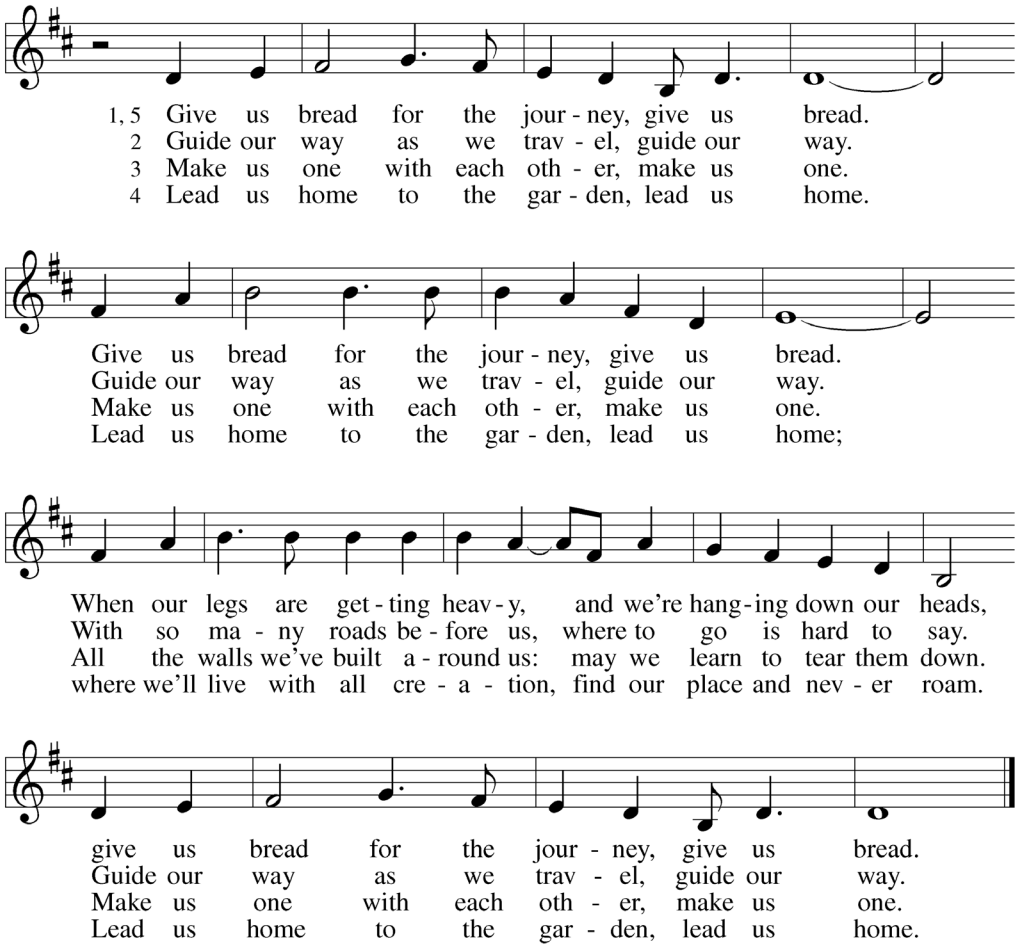
A special message for children.

SERMON — Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY GS2 40

"Bread for the Journey"



Text: Bret Hesla
Music: BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY. Bret Hesla

APOSTLES CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

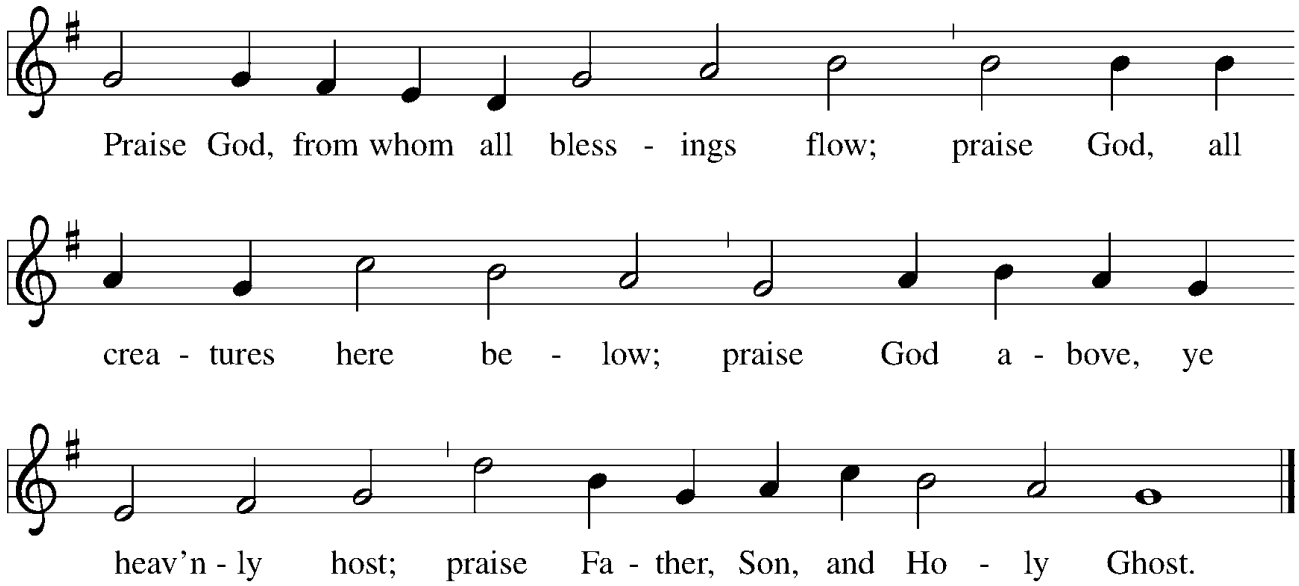
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN- *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

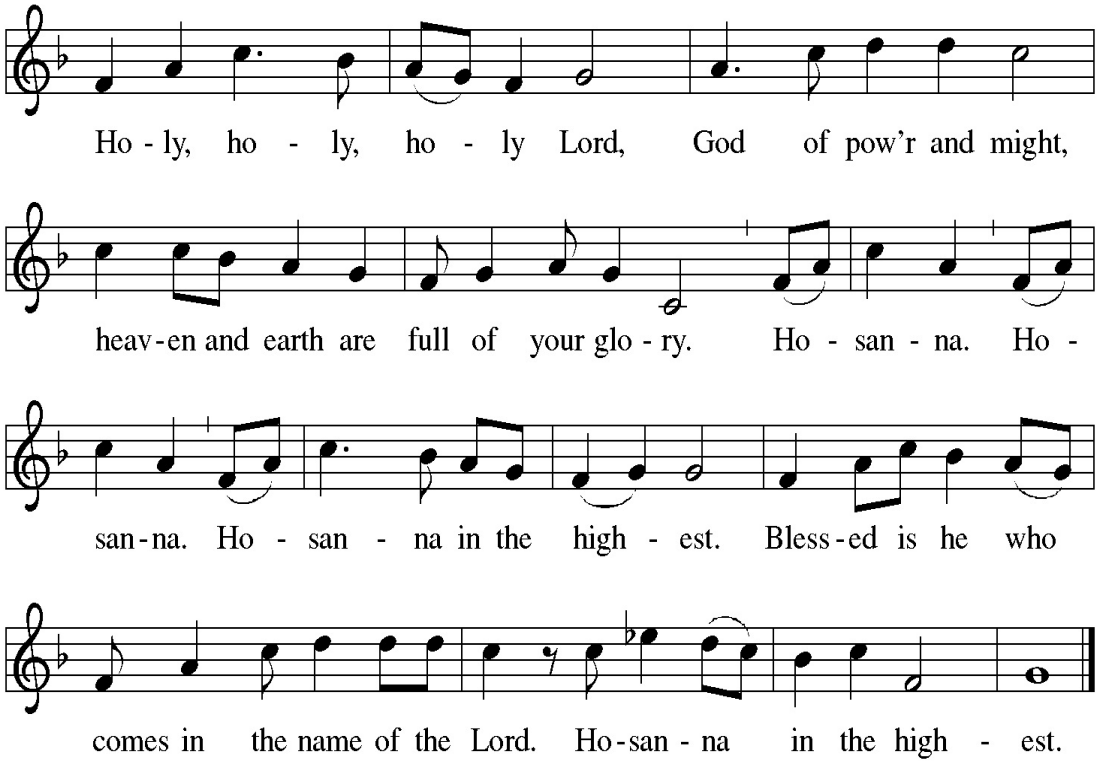
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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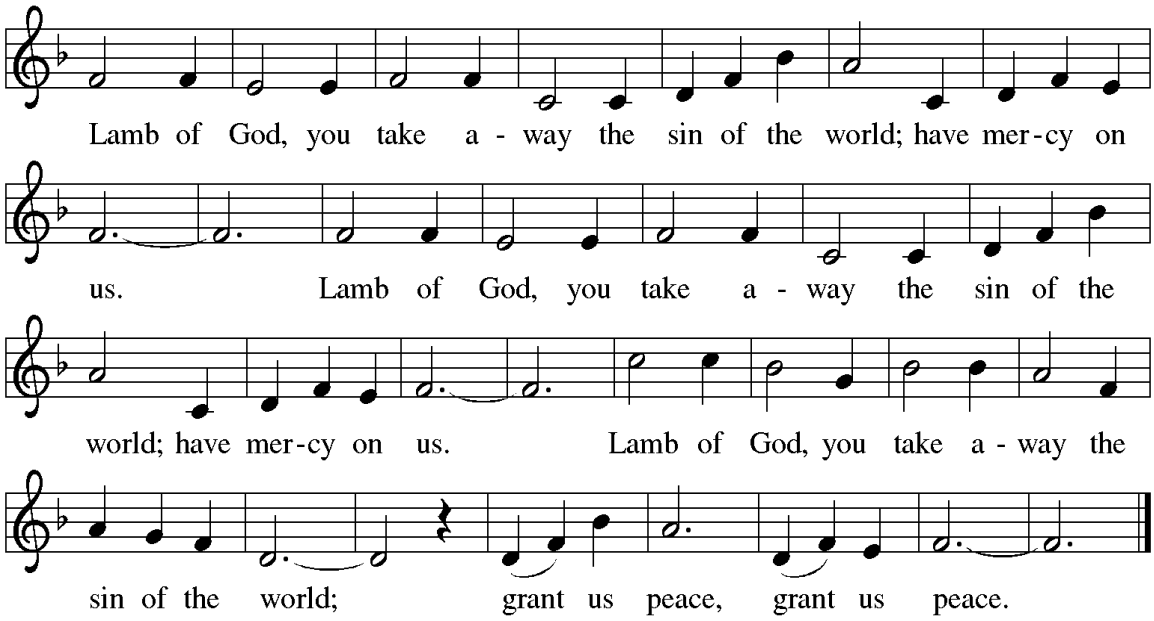

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG

"Life Giving Bread, Saving Cup"

Refrain

Life - giv-ing Bread, sav - ing Cup, we of - fer in thanks-

giv-ing, O God. Life - giv-ing Bread,

sav - ing Cup, we of - fer as a sign of our love.

Verses

1. For bread that is bro - ken, we give thanks; for
2. We thank you, O Fa - ther, for your name, which
3. Cre - a - tor of all, we of - fer thanks; you
4. Re - mem - ber your Church, which sings your praise; per-

wine that is poured, we give praise. For
you give to dwell in our hearts. You
give us a share in your life. You
fect it in truth and in love. And

life and for knowl-edge of the king - dom: all
bring us to - geth - er as one fam - 'ly: all
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D.C.

praise to you un - til the end of time!
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Text: Adapted from the *Didache*, 2nd C.; James J. Cheppeonis, b.1956
Tune: James J. Cheppeonis, b.1956
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
C: Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SENDING

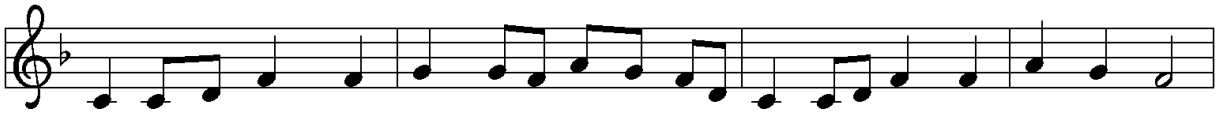
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

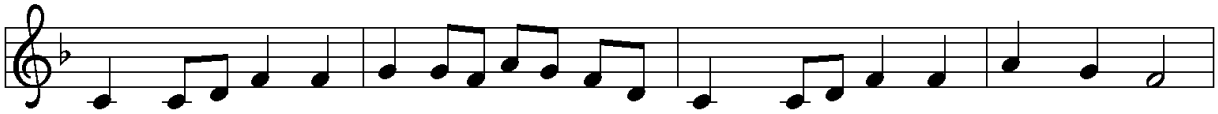
P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us,
and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 771

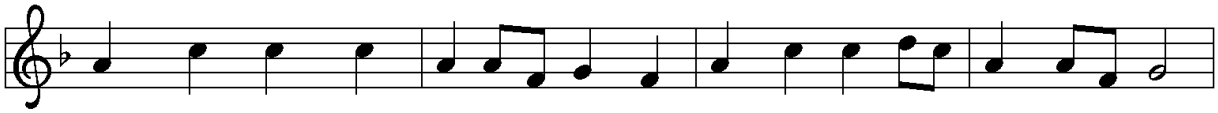
"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"



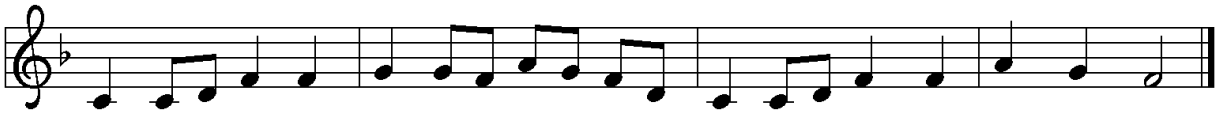
1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927
Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Emmanuel Lutheran Church, if this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Our New "Pray-Ground"

Emmanuel recently established this to allow small children a positive, welcoming experience in church. Many churches are using this feature. Located at the front of the church with space for several small children to squirm, and quietly play with "soft" quiet toys, books and arts and crafts. Feel free to try this out. Parents may want to sit nearby to monitor the children, don't worry about noise, etc. We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try. Older siblings are encouraged to assist the younger ones if they like.

From the Membership Committee – Birthday Coffee Hour
Because the first Sunday in September falls on Labor Day weekend, we will be celebrating the September birthdays on September 8th (the 2nd Sunday). We look forward to seeing you all. Thank You.

Are you a Thrivent member?
Did you know that every Thrivent associate member has at one Action Grant every year that could bring in $250 for a special project, every full benefit member has 2 Action Grants every year. If you are a Thrivent member, please let Jennifer know in the church office. A list is being compiled to see how many special projects can be used to help Emmanuel this year and years to come.

Last year, Action Grants were used for helping purchase batting for the Quilt team, toys for the Christmas Giveaway and toiletries for the Food Pantry. Even if you have never applied for Action Grants, help is available so that you can help special projects.

Thank you for letting the office know if you are a Thrivent member, by emailing info@emmanuelypsi.org, leaving a message at 734-482-7121 or leaving a note in the offering plate or the box on the office door.

Thursday Bible Study Class
There will be no Bible Study Class August 15, 22, and 29. Class will resume in September.

Summer Adult Bible Class offered Sundays after Church
History in Maps: Part 1 The Graeco-Roman World, and the Development of Christianity, from Alexander to Constantine

Schedule for **six** 45 minute presentations
Given by: Dr. Peter Diehr
Where: in the Lounge
When: August 4, 11 @11:30 to 12:15, including 15 min for questions.

Part 2 will be scheduled for another time. **Questions:** pdiehr@gmail.com

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Food Pantry Needs
The Food Pantry still has an ongoing need for boxes to pack with canned goods. Any box 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch but not bigger than 16 inch x 16 inch x 16 inch is used. Shoe boxes are too small. The food pantry boxes need to hold at least 13 cans of food, a box of raisins, a box of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice, a bag of cereal and a box of pasta. Boxes can be set near the Food Pantry shelves in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Changes in Emmanuel's Recycle Program
Emmanuel no longer accepts recycle materials from outside the church operations due to lack of volunteers. The only exception will be alkaline batteries, and plastic groceries bags which will go directly to the food pantry. Excess plastic grocery bags can be returned at most grocery stores and Home Depot.

To make best use of our upstairs space, we've relocated the large batteries receptacle to the lower Narthex area. You may deposit a smaller amount of batteries in the Gathering area next to the Food Pantry donations. There is a clear plastic jar labeled on the lower shelf. Direct questions to Della Diehr or church office.

Ways to Give
Giving can be done online by clicking here. You can also give via text at 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts. You can mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.

PayPal - Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.

New Giving Mobile App - Download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, August 4 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Birthday Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- **Adult Bible Study 11:30am – 12:15pm**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 6

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Food Delivery 1:00pm

Wednesday, August 7

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Thursday, August 8

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 3:45pm

Friday, August 9

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Saturday, August 10

- Washtenaw Refugee Welcome 10:00am-12:00pm
- Rental Lower Level (Deanna) 1:00pm – 6:00pm
- Women Do Recover 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Sunday, August 11 – 12th Sunday after Pentecost

- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- **Adult Bible Study 11:30am – 12:15pm**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.
Given by Shane and Sumaia Shingledecker

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR: Barb, Sheila, Judy, Debbie, the friends and family of Anders, and the friends and family of Phyllis.

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Assisting Ministers - Click here
Or Scan QR code

Altar Flower Sign up - Click here
Or Scan QR code

Or sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office (734-482-7121).

LINKS:

Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

SERVING IN WORSHIP:

Interim Pastor..... *Rev. Joshua Rinas*
Minister of Worship Music..... *David Meitzler*
Assisting Minister ..... *Peter Diehr*

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